

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD AMMONIA

Necessity for Registration

Five cases stated to be the first of their kind in Manchester under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act of 1933, which came into force last year, were heard at the City Police Court yesterday.

Mr. F. E. Crowder, solicitor, prosecuting for the Manchester Corporation, said that the summonses were brought as a warning to shopkeepers, and that all the defendants were liable to a penalty of £50. Under the Act the ordinary trader must be registered with the local authority in order to sell poisons like ammonia and disinfectant which are in ordinary household use. If the preparation contained less than 5 per cent of ammonia the shopkeeper need not be registered, but the ordinary household ammonia as a rule contained some two-thirds of pure ammonia.

For selling ammonia without being registered, Vernon Ryder, hardware dealer, of Charles Street, Manchester, was fined 10s. Sarah Breen, smallware dealer, of Brunswick Street, Cheetham, was fined 10s. on each of two charges of selling ammonia without being registered, and of selling ammonia in bottles which were not labelled with her name and address. For selling ammonia in bottles which were not labelled with their names and addresses Isaac Tomlinson and Myer Berger, both hardware dealers, of Cross Street, Gorton, were each fined 40s. and Abraham Gittelman, hardware dealer, also of Cross Street, Gorton, was fined 20s. for a similar offence.
